

Imaginings

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Like Your Family Home...

...each room in the Clubhouse has its own personality. In some rooms, members play games, like bridge or chess. In others, like Singles Spot, members hang out and chat. One particular room, Married Life, reaches a whole other segment of members and in its own way, has a very distinct, warm-hearted personality. This month, ImagiNings is publishing some of those thoughts on page two from members of Married Life.

In support of all the moms on ImagiNation who visit Married Life or any other place on ImagiNation, we are bringing a very special venue. We are offering a unique opportunity to chat with one of the leading spokespeople on married life, Debbie Nigro. See details below.



...Get Help From The Working Mom



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Are you a working mom? Looking for advice on parenting or married life? Are you a dad who wants to get some insight on the working mother? Join us for a live, two-hour radio broadcast on these topics and more on-line with Debbie Nigro and her two celebrity guests, on *The Working Mom on the Run*. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, from 7 to 9 a.m. PDT.

Members can ask questions of Debbie while on the radio. After the interactive

radio broadcast, meet Debbie on-line for a celebrity conference.

Sponsored by Avon, *The Working Mom* is a new radio show spreading like wildfire across the country on more than 100 stations in 30 states. Tune in and chat with other members who share your interest in parenting and family issues.



Debbie humorously broaches such topics as coping with husbands who won't do housework, getting your kids' attention without screaming, returning to work after pregnancy leave, or running a home-based business. Debbie elaborates on these issues in her own recorded musical rap song, *The Workin' Woman's Yap*, often incorporated into the show.

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ImagiNation Network Focus of New Book



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Ever wanted to get your name in a book? How about your picture or ImagiNation 'toon'? Here's your chance!

If you have an interesting anecdote, life-changing story, or a picture from a member event, we want to hear about it for a book, tentatively titled *The Official Guide to The ImagiNation Network*.

The book, to be published by Infotainment World, will be finished by Christmas. Authors Peter Spear (a.k.a. Spear) and Russ Ceccola (a.k.a. RCCOLA) have been on ImagiNation since the day it began.

"We'll be looking to ImagiNation's membership for a lot of content for the book," said Peter Spear. "If you have a

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Married Life

Home Away From Home

One Woman's ImagiNation Proclamation



There I was, a 46-year-old woman, totally computer illiterate, stuck at home (not through choice), time on my hands and housework just not fulfilling my needs. The men in my family were so proud to have thought of the perfect gift for me, a second-hand computer. Sure, right, uh huh!

I looked at this contraption. It did not slice nor dice, it did not do laundry. Nevertheless, I tried to use this one-eyed monster. It did not respond as the men in my family said it should. Then the men in my family decided to sit down and show me what I was doing wrong. Lo and behold, it wasn't my fault, and off it went to the land of computer repair.

Then the darn thing came back twice as smart and three times more aggravating. It must have been my fault. Once again the men sat down and showed me for "the last time" what I was doing incorrectly. Again, it wasn't my fault and back to the shop it went. Back it came with sound and a modem as an apology for not having fixed it the first time.

I looked at this machine and immediately banished it to the far reaches of the universe - never to be touched by my dainty hands again. I was through with computers. Never would I lower myself to its whims and wonders. All was well in my world. I had triumphed over modern technology. "I AM WOMAN!" I said.

Then the man of the house stated, "I am going to order ImagiNation." So? Big deal. Why should I care?

When the men finally got things all set up and went on-line for the first time, I was not impressed nor was I lured back to the monster. "I AM STRONG!" (Besides, all women know about men and their toys.)

The male of the species was running around this new-fangled ImagiNation, checking out the places and rooms and

all kinds of things. Still, I was strong.

Married Life showed up on the screen and people were talking to the men via the monster. Now I was looking over his shoulder watching and "listening" in awe. I was fascinated - much as I was when we went from the wringer washer to the automatic. I casually asked the men to show me the way of ImagiNation.

Oh me, oh my! I got to make my own character! I could be anything I wanted! I finished my ton, clicked on play and away I went!

Everyone is so helpful on-line.

ImagiNation's Happiest Kingdom



In all the worlds of ImagiNation, I searched for a place where I could relax in peace. Among all those worlds, I was occasionally offended by those whose beliefs and world views differed from my own.

That is not to say, of course, I did not find friends and wholesome entertainment on ImagiNation. I did. But I wanted a place where my children (at the innocent ages of eight and 12) could see what was being said at all times - without having to explain something for which they are not ready.

Just when I was about to give up hope, I found Married Life. I noticed a difference from the first time I signed on. I was recognized as someone new and welcomed, not by a Sysop, but by the ordinary members, like me, who were there.

I perused its bulletin boards and found discussions to be civilized and well-reasoned, a great contrast to many I'd seen. I also learned why Married Life is so different. The regulars keep it that way, and now I'm proud to count myself among that happy group.

So I wrote the following poem in praise to Married Life, and Queen Meme

I learned my way around in no time! I am here and I shall never leave. ImagiNation gives me the freedom to talk at all my odd hours, allows me to flow creatively on the Bulletin Boards, to receive and send mail and, most importantly, to meet the best friends on-line. Now I am a full-fledged member of ImagiNation. I have introduced family and friends to the marvel of technology and I occasionally sing its praises from the mountain tops. I AM WOMAN! SEE ME TYPE AND CHAT AND POST AND PLAY! Now, can we please invent a washer that automatically loads itself?

who rules there so well. Meme isn't a Sysop, but we have crowned her Queen by acclamation. Our Knights are those men who soothe the ladies from life's daily little annoyances. This is why the [Complain] button is rarely used here.

*Sing a song of Married Life
Where gentle folk, both new and old
Can feel free to voice and be themselves
(Spout from 5, 10's sweetest little close*

*Sing of our Queen, Meme in her name
May her gentle rule bring her eternal flame
Her heart is pure, her soul is kind
And we delight in her quick and engaging mind*

*Sing of Queen Meme's gallant Knights
So brave to them who defend our rights
From the lengthy days they give us ease
That we may cease and rejoice in peace.*

*Sing of those who make us laugh, and more
Their numbers surpass what I can score
Accord them and... assistance, Brian L and Joanna T
Bring us wit and wisdom to whatever we read.*

*Sing of those whose other lips
Pick us up when life makes us slip
Gyrons and ChargerFan make the ladies blush
And you're too sweet for us ever to tell you, "Rush!"*

*And so I bring praise to Married Life
The place where this one faithful wife
Can cause and find laughter, wisdom and such...
To a place I have no match*

Celebrity Trivia Event: Win a Chance To Meet Nancy Cartwright, the Voice of Bart Simpson



You could be one of 20 **cool** members who wins the opportunity to meet Nancy Cartwright, the voice of prime-time cult star Bart Simpson, in a live, on-line celebrity conference Friday, September 9.



Trivia contest winners will meet Nancy Cartwright, voice of Bart Simpson, on-line.

Kicking off in early September, ImagiNation will host a special edition of NTN Trivia featuring trivia from the show right after *The Simpsons* airs on Monday, September 5.

Here's how it works. Twice nightly, *The Simpsons* NTN Trivia Contest will occur at 8:45 p.m., Eastern and Pacific Time from September 5 through 9. The top four winners from each night's contest will be invited into the celebrity conference with Nancy Cartwright on the evening of Friday, September 9. Runners-up may also have a chance to win additional prizes.

Nancy Cartwright, the voice behind the famous Bart Simpson, won an Emmy

for her performances on *The Simpsons*, and has worked with tons of guest stars on the show such as Michelle Pfeiffer, Danny DeVito, Meryl Streep and Sting. Seen in more than 30 countries, Bart Simpson has emerged as one of the leading cult phenomena in the world since the show first aired six years ago on Fox. Nancy is even on the music charts with *The Simpsons Sing The Blues* (Geffen), which sold more than 3.5 million copies worldwide.

So don't miss your chance to test your

Simpsons knowledge with ImagiNation and NTN Trivia in SierraLand, September 5 through 9. And maybe you will win a prize or even the chance to meet Nancy Cartwright live on-line.



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NTN Trivia Prizes Better Than Ever!



NTN's prize program on The ImagiNation Network becomes a reality September 1. You'll have the opportunity to win prizes, usage credit and more every week, every month, every quarter and yearly, too! Every time you play NTN Trivia and do well in the rankings, you'll earn prize points. These points accumulate each time you play, and the number of points earned will determine what you can win.

WEEKLY

Every week, NTNDebra will appear in an NTN Trivia Room sometime between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

PST, most likely on Friday or Saturday night. She'll be giving away NTN T-shirts, sweatshirts and other apparel and prizes based on all kinds of nutty criteria. Sometimes the winner will be the person who comes in fourth place. Other times it will be for the player that has the

best poker hand in their score. You'll never know what the competition will be, but it's guaranteed to be a lot of fun.

MONTHLY

Whether you play a little or a lot, you are automatically entered each month in NTN's Above Average Competition. Your ten best games are tracked each month, and a list of the current top ten players displays after every game. If you are one of the top three finishers for the month, say hello to a whopping **100 hours of usage credit!** There will be no back-to-back first place winners, to give everyone a chance.

QUARTERLY

Top three players with highest cumulative score to date will receive a prize valued at \$500.

YEARLY

Highest cumulative score of the year ending August 31, 1995 receives a killer multimedia workstation – a \$2,500 value!

NTN will be wiping out any accumulated points to date on September 1, to start everyone off on a level playing field. More information may be found in the Clubhouse on the NTN Info Board in Trivia Haven.



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6 pm Archers of Paradise TECH TOWER (Nancy 120736)	8 pm Star Trek Club BACRAMON DEN (Nancy 11705)
Shadowhawk HSLP ROOM (LCJW 22000) (Lynne 33066)	Monday
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Shadow Hawk TECH TOWER (Nancy 120736)	8 pm G&F Judo Camp MYSTIC PORTAL (Nancy 11705)

Music

Tuesday	6 pm Mini Club TUGWAMMAYS (Bretton 100506)
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Wednesday	
5 pm	They Might Be Giants EUCHREVILLE (Most/Lost 12537)
7 pm	Billy Joel Fan Club SPORTS DEN (Pinto/Men 21153)

4 pm Driller Club ZACHRY V (Nancy 120736)

Thursday	8 pm Lee Jay Fan Club SINGLES CLUB (Lynne 101911)
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Saturday	7 pm MTWYM Talk HEARTS CLUB (Lynne 101911)
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Political & Social Issues

Sunday	7 pm Constitutional Club HELP ROOM (1st/3rd) (Chinook 9858)
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Tuesday	7 pm Offshore Institute SINGLES II (Nancy 100506)
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Wednesday	8 pm TV News Lynne 101911 (Nancy 100506)
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Thursday	8 pm Creative PILOTS LOUNGE (Lynne 12222)
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Saturday	10 pm Archers of Paradise TECH TOWER (Nancy 120736)
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Red Baron Squadrons

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Bulletin Board Reference

Once you find a bulletin board you're interested in, find out where it is as indicated below (for example, PILOTS LOUNGE, SINGLES SPOT). These are the waiting room names in the Clubhouse. Once in the waiting room, to read and post on bulletin boards, click Go to select Bulletin Board, and you'll find the boards you want.

Member-posted bulletins and any comments, suggestions or advice given therein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the ImagNation Network, Inc.

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Every week Debbie Nigro invites a different celebrity on the show. She has hosted guests such as Sally Jessy Raphael and Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

The Working Mom On The Run airs live on Saturdays from 7 to 9 a.m. PDT, but be sure to check the listings below in case it's tape delayed. Check the new INN Special Events Bulletin Board in the INN Help Room for additional radio stations added after press time. Either way, The Imagination Network will be there live, and Debbie Nigro will host an exclusive celebrity conference from 9 to 10 a.m. PDT immediately following the show, so you can meet her live on-line whether or not your local radio station carries her show. Debbie's official toll-free line, 800-MAMAMA9 (626-2629), provides references to organizations and services focused on issues relevant to the show.

The ImagNation Network opened a special e-mail box for *The Working Mom On The Run* for the first two weeks in September. If you happen to be working on Saturday, September 17, send an e-mail question or comment to box 888, and Debbie might answer it on the air. Everyone who either writes a letter or joins us on-line will be entered into a giveaway to receive a very hip (and funny) *Mom On The Run* T-shirt.

Working Mom Radio Schedule

Check the new INN Special Events Bulletin Board in the INN Help Room for last-minute changes.

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Star Wars Game Designer Speaks

Live from the fabled Skywalker Ranch, Vince Lee, the red hot game designer and programmer of *Rebel Assault*, the first chapter in the *Star Wars* gaming legacy, will appear on-line for a celebrity conference on Wednesday, September 14. *ImagineNation* will give away five copies of *Rebel Assault* to five lucky members who attend the conference or order a transcript from box 941 by midnight, September 21.



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Meeting People, Making Friends That's ImagiNation!



Ordinarily, our friendships are based not only on what we feel towards a person, but on physical appearance as well. We don't like to admit that but let's face it, it's true.

When we were kids, we often were encouraged to have pen pals. Not only to learn about different cultures or cities, but to develop friendships based solely on the inner person. There in lies the beauty of ImagiNation. Meeting people from all over the country is one major benefit. Realizing you are friends with someone regardless of outward appearance, religious background, color, handicaps, age, gender or financial standing is truly a reward the system offers.

There's something about ImagiNation that lets us be uninhibited about ourselves. On ImagiNation we talk freely and openly, and more often than not, friendships suddenly "click." A common interest, a shared political view, similar musical preferences, even a competitiveness over a game can make sudden friendships.

After chatting with someone for only a

few minutes we can usually tell if we're interested in being friends with them. It might even be someone we pass on the street every day. While some friendships can be immediate and others slow in coming, one thing is for certain. The friendships were made over The ImagiNation Network.

Often, when you meet someone for the first time, first impressions say it all. We could easily mistake shyness for standoffishness. Then we'd never know what a terrific person we missed meeting. Put the same shy person in a host full of people in the Clubhouse, in a poker game in Casinoland, playing NTN Trivia in SierraLand and it's a totally different story! We're all pretty equal here, the shy, and the not-so-shy. Personalities easily shine through as do the vast, personal inner qualities we all possess.

Wherever I have roamed on The ImagiNation Network, I have never failed to look at a member as a potential friend. There are so many people I would never have had the opportunity to meet if it weren't for ImagiNation. They don't judge me. I don't judge them. We just meet over a game of hearts or help each other during a hot game of trivia.

Special Events Prove Popular

Many of you had the opportunity to take part in The ImagiNation Network's interactive conferences with internationally-known celebrities and personalities.

In July, trekkies and non-trekkies alike boldly enjoyed the on-line adventure with Peter David, the famous *Star Trek* novelist. Peter was so entranced with member's questions, he stayed on-line an extra hour. Five autographed copies of his latest *Star Trek* novel, *Q-Squared*, were given away to lucky members.

Eileen Heisler, a writer and producer for the Emmy-Award winning *Murphy Brown*, joined ImagiNation members

on Saturday, July 30.

On Tuesday, August 2, Linnea Quigley, the reigning queen of "B" movies, took time to talk shop with ImagiNation members. This voluptuous movie and TV star answered questions about the film industry and her intriguing career.

World-famous astrologer, Alex Szogyi, and consultant to the stars, appeared on Friday, August 26. One lucky member won a personal horoscope prepared by Alex himself.

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story, just let us know. Did you fall in love, have an interesting experience, meet a best friend? Were going to pick the best stories and put them in the book and give credit to those members." Spear is best known as a critic, author and journalist. Among his many titles include: *King's Quest* and *Space Quest Companions*, and the official guides to *SimCity 2000* and *Return to Zork*.

Russ Ceccola is Associate Editor of *Electronic Games* and also writes regularly for *Questbusters*, *Stimulations!* and *Games Magazine*. He also writes a bimonthly column on horror games for *Fangoria* magazine.

Please send your stories to ImagiNation Box # 138877 or mail to The ImagiNation Network Book, C/O Put Me in the Book!, 577 Airport Blvd. #300, Burlingame, CA 94010. Please include address, phone number and ImagiNation mailbox number. Entries will not be returned.

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